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LETTER DATED 7 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1994 OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE "ON THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE "ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS" SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON 31 JULY 1991 AND THE PROTOCOL TO IT SIGNED IN LISBON ON BEHALF OF UKRAINE ON 23 MAY 1992"

I have the honour to forward to you the text of the Resolution dated 3 February 1994, of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "On the implementation by the President of Ukraine and the Government of Ukraine of the recommendations contained in paragraph 11 of the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "On the Ratification of the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Reduction and Elimination of Strategic Offensive Arms" signed in Moscow on 31 July 1991, and the Protocol to it signed in Lisbon on behalf of Ukraine on 23 May 1992".

I would be grateful if you could take appropriate steps to register this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and to have it distributed to all member State delegations and to non-member State delegations taking part in the work of the Conference.

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THE RESOLUTION OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE

On the implementation by the President of Ukraine and the Government of Ukraine of the recommendations contained in the para 11 of the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "On the Ratification of the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Reduction and Elimination of Strategic Offensive Arms" signed in Moscow on July 31, 1991, and Protocol to it signed in Lisbon on behalf of Ukraine on May 23, 1992.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

- taking into account the concrete measures taken by the President and the Government of Ukraine during November 1993 - January 1994 concerning implementation of provisions of the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of November 18, 1993;

- proceeding from the results of the meeting of the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States of America and the Russian Federation in Moscow on January 14, 1994, as well as of the Trilateral Statement and the Annex thereto signed by them;

- taking into account the fact, that Ukraine has received the assurances on the side of the Presidents of USA and Russia about their readiness to provide Ukraine with the guarantees of the national security after entry into force of the START-1 Treaty and accession of Ukraine to the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT) as a non-nuclear-weapon state, as well as bearing in mind the obligations on the side of the United States and Great Britain toward Ukraine to respect independence, sovereignty and existing boundaries, to refrain from the threat by force or its use against territorial integrity or political

independence, to refrain from economic pressure and the commitment not to use any weapons against Ukraine;

- taking into consideration the confirmation by the Presidents of Ukraine, USA and Russia that their relations will be built on the basis of respect of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of each state, as well as the confirmation of their readiness to provide assistance in the establishment of the effective market economy in Ukraine;

- recognising the fact that the United States of America assured Ukraine in providing technical and financial assistance for the safe and secure dismantlement of the nuclear weapons and storing of fissionable material, as well as contributing to the fast realisation of the already existing agreements in connection with such an assistance;

- taking into account, that in accordance with the Protocol "On the Procedure of the Control over the Elimination of Nuclear Munitions Transferred from the Territory of Ukraine to the Industrial Enterprises of the Russian Federation" the representatives of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine will realise control over the dismantlement and elimination of the strategic nuclear charges on the territory of Russia, that will exclude the re-use of the components of these charges for their original purpose;

- taking also into account the obligation of Russia to provide for the servicing and safety of nuclear charges;

- proceeding from the fact that Ukraine will get the fair compensation for the cost of highly-enriched uranium and other components of all the nuclear weapons, the owner of which Ukraine is;

- taking into consideration the arrangement on providing Ukraine with fair and timely compensation for the cost of highly-enriched uranium on the Russian Federation and the United States

of America while nuclear warheads are being withdrawn from Ukraine to Russia for dismantlement and that measures on withdrawal and providing compensation to Ukraine are simultaneous;

- proceeding from the fact that the United States of America, the Russian Federation and Ukraine will steadily comply with the arrangements contained in the Trilateral Statement and the Annex thereto, and with the existing agreements among them and with those which will be concluded concerning the nuclear weapons deployed on the territory of Ukraine;

- considering that the above mentioned facilitates the implementation of the conditions and reservations which were made in the Resolution of November 18, 1993.

RESOLVES:

1. Bearing in mind the concrete measures taken by the President and the Government of Ukraine on the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of November 18, 1993, the meeting steps on behalf of the USA and Russia, to remove the restriction in respect of the Article V of the Protocol to the START-1 Treaty signed in Lisbon on May 23, 1993.

2. To instruct the Government of Ukraine to realise the exchange of the instruments of ratification on the START-1 Treaty and to intensify the activities on concluding specific international agreements resulting from the reservations contained in the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Ratification of the START-1 Treaty.

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